सुविधा के लिये दिल्ली में कम्प्यूटर द्वारा कारोबार किया जाता है; और

(ग) यदि हां तो यह सुविधा कब तक मुहैया करा दिये जाने की संभावना है ?

वित्त मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री और संसदीय कार्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (डा० अबरार अहमद) : (क) से (ग) सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है और सभा पटल पर रख दी जाएगी ।

Removing corruption from General Insurance Companies

1645. SHRI S. S. AHLUWAL1A : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state ;

(a) whether Government are aware of rampant corruption in the General Insurance Companies in the country and many officials were recently arrested by CBI on corruption charges;

(b) if so. what are the details thereof;

(c) what action Government propose to take to remove corruption from General Insurance Companies in the country.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED) : (a) to (c) No, Sir. The' General Insurance Corporation of India and its four subsidiaries viz National Insurance Company Ltd.; New India Assurance Co. Ltd.; Oriental Insurance Company Ltd. and United India Insurance Company Ltd. have strong vigilance machinery headed by Cheif Vigilance Officers. They are assisted by Regional level Vigilance Officers. Every year, Action Plans are formulated on anti-corruption measures including preventive vigilance. Agreed list of officers of doubtful integrity as prepared in consultation with the Central Bureau of Investigation and surprise inspections are carried out by the Vigilance Officers-'from time to time. The- vigilance matrimery works in close association with the CBI. The vigilance activities of the GIC and its four subsidiaries are monitored and supervised at the Ministry level from time to time. These measures ensure prevention of corrupt practices in the GIC and its subsidiaries.

The Government is aware that two officers of the New India Assurance Company Ltd., New Delhi were detained by the CBI in January, 1993 for questioning in connection with the alleged acceptance of bribe from a chemical factory representative for settlement of his claim.

Instructions to Banks for exchanging torn and soiled Notes

1646. SYED SIBTEY RAZI : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether instructions have been issued to all public sector and private sector banks to exchange torn and soiled currency notes when received from general public;

(to) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether such steps will discourage the general public to visit Reserve Bank of India for this service;

(d) whether existing instructions for ex-change of torn and soiled currency notes have been displayed near cash transaction counters of all branches of public and private sector banks; and

(e) if so, what are the details thereof and if not, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED (a) to (e) Information is being collected from Reserve Bank of India. Bombay and the same will be laid on the Table of the House.

Scrutinising Assessment cases under Income Tax Act

1647. SHRIMATI CHANDRIKA ABHI-NANDAN JAIN : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) what are the criteria and guidelines adopted for the scrutiny of assessment cases under the prevailing Income Tax Act;